Revenue (1948) Department

SERIES.

G.O. No. 2552

Dated 29.10.1948

[Despatch Abstract.]

Grow More Food - Well Subsidy Schemes - Progress report for May 1948. -
Board's review - Necessary.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Madras.

No. 6212, Routine, dated 11th September 1948.

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Grow More Food - Well Subsidy Schemes - Progress report for May 1948 - Reviewed.

Read:- Rc. ... the Collectors.

~~Proceedings~~. Resolution.

The Board submits to the Govern review of the reports on the progress of the well works subsidised under the various schemes during May 1948.

2. The progress reports were due to the Board from the Collectors on 10th June 1948. Only the Collector of North Arcot submitted the reports on all the schemes in time. The delay in the submission of the other reports ranged fro 2 to 67 days. The reports from the Collector of Nellore in respect of New Wells Subsidy schemes 1947-48 and 48-49 were received only on 23rd August 1948 after the issue of a numb of remainders. This is very unsatisfactory. Such delays in the submission of the reports defeat the very purpose for which the reviews have been prescribed. It is useless to review in September 1948 the situation in May 1948 as any remarks or suggestions made for speeding up the progress wil be belated and hence do not serve the purpose. Collectors are therefore requested to see that the reports are submitte in time and to take suitable disciplinary action against the officers who are responsible for the avoidable delays.

3. In spite of repeated instructions certain discrepancie have recurred in the reports from some Collectors and they have not been explained. The discrepancies have been point out in the Appendix to these proceedings. Collectors are requested to warn the subordinates responsible for the pre- paration of the reports that disciplinary action will be tak if unexplained variations are allowed to recur. The more statement that 'revised figures' have been furnished will no do. The circumstances in which the figures had to be revise should also be explained.

4. (A) New Well Subsidy Scheme - 1948-49.

(1) No applications were received in the Nilgiris istrict under the present scheme. The following discre- ancies are noticed in the reports from the districts referr to below:-

a) Salem and Vizagapatam. The Collectors have submitted 'Nil' report for May 1948 whereas they had reported that some applications had been received in April 1948. Even if there were no fresh receipts during the month under review the balance of applications received in April 1948 and left undisposed of during that month should at least have been shown in the return for May 1948.

(b) The Collector of South Arcot has not submitted his report either in the old form prescribed in Board's L.Dis. V.(Spl) 2471/47 dated 2nd September 1947 or in the new form prescribed in Board's L.Dis.2647/48 dated 12th July 1948. The reports should invariably be submitted in the revised form in future.

(c) Some Collectors have submitted their reports in the old form and some others in the new form prescribed in Board's L.Dis.V.(Spl) 2647/48 dated 12th July 1948.

(d) In Column 4(a) of the reports for April 1948 the number of applications that had been received up to 31st March 1948 under the New Wells Subsidy scheme for 1947-48 and which remained undisposed of on 1st April 1948 and the applications received in April 1948 under the scheme for 1948-49 were shown in a lump. But in the return ~~for~~ under review certain Collectors have not shown in column 2(a) the figures shown in col. 4(a) of the previous statement, and have not explained the reasons for the variation. Correct figures should be shown in the future reports in the respective and appropriate columns.

(2) Collectors are requested to substitute the word "wells" for the word "cases" wherever it occurs in the heading of the revised form in which monthly and quarterly progress reports are submitted to the Board, as the word "cases" may be taken to apply to the case of an individual applicant irrespective of the number of applications from him and not to the number of wells for which subsidies were applied for by him.

(3) The Board is pleased to observe that there is a good response from the ryots and that the present scheme is also as popular as its predecessor. The number of applications for wells in May 1948 alone was 11,737 involving an amount of Rs.64,98,165. There is also an increased demand for the grant of subsidies for the construction of newand the repair of old tanks in the districts of South Kanara and Malabar. The total number of applications for disposal at the end of May 1948 i.e. including those which were taken over from the scheme for 1947-48 is 44,657 involving an amount of Rs.2,11,[illegible]. The number of applications disposed of during the month under review is very poor being only 132 applications in which subsidies were sanctioned and 3816 applications rejected. The Board presumes that this is due to the fact that the scheme is in its preliminary stages. Collectors are requested to see that the special staff attends to the disposal of the applications without delay so that subsidies may be paid and the works started early so as to enable the grantees to complete their works within the prescribed time.

The Board observes that in Nellore a sum of Rs.300/- was disbursed under the 1947-48 scheme in April 1948, i.e. after that scheme was closed and before the receipt of G.O. No.1082,Revenue, dated 6th May 1948. This is irregular and the orders of the Government ratifying the payment will have to be obtained. The Collector is therefore requested to submit the connected subsidy file for reference and return with a report for a ratification of the action taken.

(B) New Well Subsidy Scheme - 1947-48.

The scheme was introduced on 1st March 1947 and the last date for the payment of subsidies under this scheme was 31st March 1948. The progress in the working of the schem is as shown below:-

Total No. of cases in which subsidy was paid.	Number of wells completed	Number of wells in progress	Number of wells in respect of which work has not yet been started.	Additional areas brought under irrigation.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
46,516*	1,546 *	26,391	15,764	Acres. 1118.27

Additional quantity of food grains produced.	Remarks.
(6)	(7)
Tons. 496.20	Difference between the last and present month figures is due to the altered figures furnished by the Collectors of Trichinopoly, Malabar, South Kanara and Nellore.

The total number of wells completed, those in progress, and those not yet started and those in which recovery has been ordered or made, i.e. the total of columns 6(a) to 6(c) and col.11 should be equal to column 7(c) of the old form. But this is not the case in respect of the reports ~~of~~ from the Collector of Tinnevelly, Bellary, Cuddapah and South Kanara. Some Collectors, e.g. North Arcot, Chittoor, Chingleput, Kurnool, Trichinopoly and South Arcot, appear to have shown the sumver of wells in which recovery has been ordered not only in column 11but also in column 6(c). This is incorrect.

It is also observed from the reports of Collectors of Chingleput, Chittoor, Trichinopoly, Tinnevelly, Ramnad Madura, Nellore, Coimbatore and Anantapur, that applications received and disposed of during the month under reviewhave been shown in the statement for the 1947-48 scheme as well as in the scheme for 1948-49. This is irregular. The scheme for 1947-48 came to a close on 31st March 1948.

The Board is constrained to observe that the net result so far achieved under this scheme is very poor. Only 3% of wells works has been completed. About 55% of well works have not yet been started. The time finally allowed for the completion of well works under this scheme will expire on 30th September 1948. The Collectors are therefore requested to instruct his subordinates to carry on an intensive drive and to warn the grantees that they run the risk of allowing the subsidies to be recovered unless they complete the works before 30th September 1948.

(C) ACCELERATED SCHEME.

A statement showing the progress of works subsidised under the Accelerated Scheme is given below:-

	Number of wells for which subsidies have been paid.	Completed.	In progress	not yet started, written off or recovery ordered or made.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
New Wells	61,609 *	39,781	17,678	4,150
Old "	30.721*	25,002	1,793	3,926

	Additional area brought under irrigation.	Additional quantity of foodgrains produced.
	(5)	(6)
Newwells	Acs.54,093,81	24,888,62 Tons.
Old "	22,656.92	11,280.27

* Variation of figures furnished between the last and present month review is due to the revised figures submitted by the Collectors of Malabar and South Kanara.

TheBoard observes that practically no progress was made in May 1948. According to the latest orders of the Government , the time for the completion of old and new wells under the scheme expired on 30th June 1948 and it is doubtful whether the Government will grant any further extension of time. The Board hopes that the Collectors are taking steps for the recovery of the subsidies in all cases where the works have not been completed.

It is highly unsatisfactory that hould still be room for discrepancies and their reconciliations at a time when the schome has come to a close.

In the month under reviewthe Collectors of Chittoor and Coimbatore have sanctioned the write off of Rs.310/- and Rs.220/- respectively being the subsidy granted in respect of one well in each district.

(D(CEDED DISTRICTS - MODIFIED SCHEME.

The following will show the progress made in respect of the wells subsidised under this scheme.

	Number of wells for which subsidies were granted.	completed.	In progress.	yet to be started, written off or recovery ordered.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
New wells -	1959	237	1361	361
Old "	531	241	39	251

	Additional area brought under irrigation. Acres.	Additional quantity of food grains produced. Tons.
	(5)	(6)
New wells	570.10	287.75
Old "	372.00	164.75

The Board observes that in spite of several extensions of time for the completion of wells, the progressmade is very slow. Only 12 new wells and 12 old wells were completed during the month of May. Out of the total number of wells subsidised under this scheme only 12% of new wells and 45% of the old wells were completed up to May 1948.

5. The Board presumes that the inability on the part of the Revenue Divisional Officers and Collectors to inspect an adequate number of wells is one of the cases for the slow progress in the completion of wells. It expects that there will be better progress hereafter now that special Deputy Collectors for wells have been appointed. Collectors are also requested to inspect as many works as possible and to stimulate the ryots to expedite the execution of the works. The following table will show that the Revenue Divisional Officers in some districts have grossly neglected the inspection of wells in spite of repeated instructions:-

Name of the scheme.	Districts in which the Rev. Divisional Officers have not yet inspected any of the work during the month.	have not inspected any of the works up to 31--5-1948.
(1)	(2)	(3)
New Well Subsidy Scheme - 1947-48.	South Arcot	Chittoor, Ramad, Tanjore, Malabar, Nellore, Coimbatore, Bellary, Anantapur, East & West Godavari, Kistna, Guntur, [illegible] South Kanara

(1)	(2)	(3)
Accelerated Scheme New Wells -	Malabar, Nellore, Kistna, & South Kanara.	Guntur.
Old wells -	Kurnool, Malabar, South Arcot, Vizagapatam, Nellore, Anantapur, East Godavari, Kistna, & South Kanara.	
Ceded Districts - Modified Scheme. New wells	Bellary, Anantapur Cuddapah.	
Old wells	Anantapur	Bellary.

6. The attention of the Collectors is invited to the paragraph 1(b) of G.O.No.1082, Revenue, dated 6th May 1948, wherein the Government have emphasised the importance of the wells schemes under Grow More Food Campaign and the need for the frequent inspection of wells works by the Revenue Officials. Collectors are requested to give high priority to the work connected with the well subsidy schemes.

(True Extract)

d.T.S.Ramachandran.

for Special Officer (Wells)

To The Secretary to Government,
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Copy to the Director of Agriculture, Madras.
Copy to the Secretary to Ceded Districts Economic Development Board, Madras, with extracts of statements for the Districts of Chittoor, Cuddapah, Bellary, Anantapur and Kurnool.

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Superintendent.

Appendix.

District.	Col. No. of the statement.	Figures furnished for the month ending 30-4-48.	Figures furnished for the month ending 31-5-48	Difference.
1	2	3	4	5
New Well Subisdy Scheme 1947-48.				
Tiruchy	6(a)	1078	664	414
Malabar	7(c)	135	140	5
	7(d)	38915	36665	2250
Madura	12	9	nil	9
	13	14	nil	14
Cuddapah	13	33	nil	33
Nellore	7(c)	1685	1686	1
	7(d)	616450	616750	300
S.Kanara	7(c)	35	39	4
	7(d)	12075	10695	1380
New Tanks.				
Malabar	7(c)	54	60	6
	7(d)	41056	40556	500
S.Kanara	7(c)	32	45	13
	7(d)	16620	21570	4960
Old Tanks.				
Malabar	7(c)	126	130	4
	7(d)	79128	81178	2750
S.Kanara	7(c)	23	26	3
	7(d)	9765	10715	950
Accelerated well Scheme (New Wells)				
Malabar	2	181	189	8
	(3)	39072	38822	250
S.Kanara	2	54	56	2
	3	8155	8435	280
	4(a) 4(c)	49	51	2
	10	60.62	59.42	1.20
Chittoor	4(a)	3011	2715	296
	4(c) 10	2953.00	2262.73	690-27
	11	1530.00	1080.00	450.00
Coimbatore	4(a) 4(c)	1723	1700.	23
Old Wells.				
Malabar	2	78	79	1
	3	8916	9166	250
S.Kanara	2	19	20	1
	3	2079-8-0	2095.2	16.10
	4(a) 4(c)	16	18	2

Chittoor	4(a)	4(c)	2790	4(a)	2539	251
S.Arcot	4(a)	4(c)	783	4(a)	780	3
Vizagapatam	4(a)	4(c)	273	4(a)	266	7
Coimbatore	2		1419		1420	1
	4(a)	4(c)	974	4(a)	943	1
Tinnevelly	10		1290.00		452.00	838.00
	11		565.00		186.00	379.00

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Kurnool	7		22		19	3

Old Wells.

Anantapur	4(a)	4(c)	152	4(a)	153	1
Kurnool	7		40		35	5

The differences noted in col. 5 of the above table have not been explained by the Collectors. The Collectors are requested to reconcile the discrepancies and submit correct figures in their subsequent reports.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Abstract.

Grow More Food - Well Subsidy Schemes - Progress Report for May 1948 - Board's review - Recorded.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

G.O. Ms. No. 2552. Dated the 29th October 194[illegible]

Read:-

From the Board of Revenue, Board's Proceedings (Routine)No. 6212 dated 11.9.1948.

Order:-

Recorded. The progress under the new wells scheme is not satisfactory.

2. The attention of the Board of Revenue is invited to para 4 of G.O. Ms. No. 2122, Revenue, dated 4th September 1948. During May 1948 the number of wells completed under the New Well Subsidy Scheme 1947-48 is 1552 and the additional area brought under irrigation is 1118.27 acre This does not satisfy the condition that each well should be capable of irrigating at least oneacre. The Board is requested to examine the point and submit a report after investigation.

3. The additional area brought under cultivation in May 1948 under the Accelerated Scheme (New and old wells) shows a decrease in acreage when compared to the figures furnished for the previous ⅌ month. The Board is requested to give reasons for the same.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor).

G. Venkateswara Ayyar,
Secretary to Government.

The Board of Revenue.

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From
Sri. C.A. Ramakrishnan, I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary to the Board of
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To
The Secretary to Government,
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Fort St. George,
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No. L.Dis. V.⅌PL.5858/48 dated 27.11.1948.

V.N. Kudva, Esq., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue, Excise and
Prohibition.

Sub:- Grow More Food - Well Subsidy Schemes - Progress report for May 1948 - Board's review - Recorded by the Government - Further report submitted.

Ref:- Board's Proceedings (Routine) No. 6212 dated 11.9.1948.
G.O. Ms. No. 2552, Revenue, dated 29.10.1948.

The Board submits that it has already noticed that the progress made in the working of the New Well Subsidy

Scheme 1947-48 has been very poor all round and has issued instructions to all Collectors demi officially to devote their personal attention to the matter and to issue necessary instructions to their subordinates to speed up the progress. A copy of the Board's D.O.V.Spl. 5719/48 dated 29.10.1948 is enclosed. The Board is also issuing instructions to the Special Deputy Collectors for Wells that they should take steps to disburse the entire allotment for the payment of subsidies under the 1948-49 scheme by the end of December 1948, so that it may be possible for the grantees of the subsidy loans to start the well works immediately after as the rainy season would have by then been over and complete them by 30.9.1949.

2. The Board invites the attention of the Government to its reference V.Spl. 4564/48-1 datd 29.9.1948 wherein it has called for on the Collectors to investigate and report the reasons for the large variation between the number of wells reported to have been completed by the end of April 1948 and the additional area reported to have been brought under cultivation by the wells. The reports from a number of Collectors are still due. The Board considers that the reasons for the variations noticed in G.O. Ms. No. 2122, Revenue, dated 4.9.1948 must account also for the variation noticed in the G.O. cited above. The Board's report in the matter willbe submitted soon after the receipt of the reports from the Collectors.

3. The Board has already noticed the discrepancy pointed out in para 3 of the G.O. cited above. The decrease in extent was due to the decrease in area in the Chittoor District in respect of new wells and in Tirunelveli district in the respect of wells under the Accelerated Wells Scheme. The Collectors

adopt correct figures in their future reports.

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For. Joint Secretary

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Please see G.O. No. 2552, Revenue, dated 29.10.1948 and the Board's report at page 1 ante. The Board's further report referred to in para 2 at page 1 above is awaited in the linked file. No action is called for on this report. May be lodged and stitched with G.O. No. 2552, Revenue, dated 29.10.1948.

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4.12.1948.

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